

**MINUTES FOR JULY 2, 2019**  
**VALLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

The regular monthly meeting of the Valley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, July 2, 2019, at the Township Municipal Building, 890 West Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA.

The Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Patrice Proctor at 7:30 p.m. Those in attendance were Supervisors Kathy O’Doherty, Joe Sciandra, and Patrice Proctor. Supervisors Christopher Lehenky and William Handy, Sr. were absent. Also in attendance were Michael J. Ellis, P.E. of Pennoni Associates, Inc. (Township Engineer) and Amanda Sundquist, Esquire, of Unruh, Turner, Burke & Frees (Township Solicitor). Ms. Proctor noted that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session prior to the meeting at 6:30 p.m. to discuss matters of litigation and personnel as well interviewing a candidate for the Environmental Advisory Council.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA:**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Ms. O’Doherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sciandra, to accept the minutes from the June 18, 2019, meeting.** The motion passed unanimously.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

**Mr. Sciandra made a motion, seconded by Ms. O’Doherty, to pay bills as presented.** The motion passed unanimously.

**GENERAL BOARD COMMENTS:**

Ms. Proctor noted that the upcoming events were listed on the agenda.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

Ms. Sundquist advised that she had no action items for this evening. She did note that a draft Agreement for the Irish Alley repairs between the homeowner and the Township would be distributed for review.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion/consideration regarding park regulations – The Board reviewed the current park regulation ordinance and the signage currently at the parks. It was noted that the Hayti Park signs are currently down. There was discussion regarding a recent issue with a motorized vehicle on the newly paved tennis court at the Hayti Park and an ongoing issue with a dog at the

Westwood Park. The owner of the dog has the dog on a leash, but lets the dog run loose in the park. A review of the current ordinance noted the park hours from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm which would need to be changed to “dawn to dusk”. Ms. Proctor stated that she felt that the leash laws would supersede any Township regulation or lack thereof. Ms. O’Doherty mentioned that the animals in the park issue has been discussed in Safety Committee meetings and with the exception of a service dog, it was discussed to not permit animals in the park. She also noted that there are many reports of people not cleaning up the waste from the pets brought into the parks as well. Mr. Sciandra made a recommendation, and the Board concurred, that the Planning Commission be asked to review the current ordinance and make recommendations to the Board. Ms. Sundquist advised that she would provide Mr. Ellis with some information regarding things that can and cannot be regulated. The Board advised of their interest, but would appreciate any additional follow up on processes to achieve. The Board was also interested if Downingtown Borough Planning Commission’s energy transition plan to achieve these goals was issued by their April 22, 2019, target date and what it recommended.

At this time, Ms. Sundquist departed the meeting.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

John Bush, 301 Gilmer Road – Mr. Bush introduced Henry Alexander, representing the Sierra Club, who discussed an initiative for renewable energy. He noted that there is a citizen group movement entitled “Ready For 100” which is targeting 100% clean energy by 2050. They are asking municipal officials, CEOs, pastors, civic and community leaders, etc., to commit to solutions that would help achieve 100% clean, renewable energy across Pennsylvania by 2050. He advised that seven Chester County municipalities are supporting the initiative to date. He distributed a Resolution adopted by Downingtown Borough for their vision for a 100% clean renewable energy future. The Board, although supportive of the initiative, expressed their concerns regarding how to achieve 100% participation. Ms. O’Doherty suggested that they speak at an upcoming Western Chester County Council of Government’s meeting.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT:**

Mr. Ellis submitted the engineer’s report which is on file in the Township Office. Mr. Ellis highlighted the following items from the report:

- Valley View Lot 5 – Mr. Ellis advised that a final security release request would be before the Board at their next meeting.
- Oakcrest – Mr. Ellis reported that the developer’s agent has questions regarding damaged Verizon boxes and sidewalk “pitting” issues. The pitting issues could be related to up to 15 years of salting. He noted that there are approximately 10 sidewalks, however, that are tripping hazardous which will need to be addressed and 9 that have cracks. After discussion, it was requested if pictures could be available for the Board to look at for the sidewalks in question that have natural “pitting” due to salting before a decision could be made by the Board if they will need to be addressed for dedication. There is also a question if the HOA is now responsible for the sidewalks in the common area. The HOA

is asking residents to contact Verizon regarding the cable boxes as historically Verizon responds quicker to a resident request than the developer.

- Oakcrest – Phase 2 – Pennoni has received calculations to accompany the previously submitted design drawings for the pedestrian bridge. Pennoni has also reviewed a proposed relocation and redesign of Infiltration Bed 204/205 and provided comments to the design consultant and Conservation District. The punch list items have been discussed with Buxmont, the developer’s construction manager, including the pedestrian bridge and associated sidewalk, tot lot and concrete repairs.
- Valley Suburban Center – Mr. Ellis reported the developer continues to work on their HOP submittals. Pennoni reviewed the HOP applications for water and sanitary sewer utility connections within the West Lincoln Highway right of way. They also provided the design consultant a draft PennDOT maintenance agreement for the proposed storm sewers in the state right of way that they will submit to PennDOT with their upcoming storm sewer utility HOP application. The agreement with PennDOT will make the Township responsible for maintenance of the new storm sewers as is required by PennDOT and a separate agreement will be established between the Township and developer to assign the responsibility to the developer/HOA.
- Township Municipal Complex – Pennoni is scheduled to meet with Perrotto’s superintendent to schedule upcoming sitework construction and inspections. Ms. O’Doherty inquired if the representative from Hill International is involved in these meetings.
- Hemlock Avenue Bridge Replacement – To avoid winter work, the project is now proposed to be bid in September, awarded and contract executed in October/November, precast concrete shop drawings and fabrication by February 2020, and the bulk of construction preformed in March/April 2020.
- Pugh Property Drainage – Mr. Ellis reported that he attended a meeting with Carol Lewis, Coatesville’s City and Assistant City Manager, and Coatesville’s engineer on June 21 for initial discussions on the drainage problems and damage on the Pugh property, along East Glencrest Road, and in the Millview detention basin. Mr. Sciandra stated that an inexpensive fix to help stop additional damage had been identified and should be reviewed with the City.
- Comprehensive Plan Update – The Steering Committee met on June 27. The focus of the meeting was to discuss the outcome of the public workshop and establish goals and objectives for the Plan.
- Sewer System – Mr. Ellis reviewed the confirmation of PAWC’s billing which included a billing error by PAWC in the amount of \$340,000. It was the consensus of the Board to direct the Township Manager to draft a negotiation letter to PAWC regarding their billing error seeking relief to Valley Township. The Board asked that they see the draft before being sent to PAWC.
- SALDO Amendment – Mr. Ellis advised that comments were received from the Chester County Planning Commission on the SALDO amendment to create dumpster enclosure standards and update sidewalk widths. Pennoni is evaluating one comment regarding dumpster setbacks and locations and will discuss proposed revisions to the amendment with the Township Planning Commission at their July meeting. Thereafter, it is anticipated that we can move into the adoption process.

- Buckthorn Drive, Robinson Avenue, Oaklyn Lane Traffic Study – Pennoni performed a truck turning analysis to determine the impacts of one-way traffic at the intersections and issued a summary memo and exhibit. There was a question regarding the length of the RV/trailer being able to make the turn. The Township Secretary will reach out of the residents who have expressed their concerns of their trailer being able to make the turn to confirm the length of their trailer.

**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

Discussion/consideration for appointment to the EAC to fill a vacant seat– **Mr. Sciandra made a motion, seconded by Ms. O’Doherty, to appoint Sharon Yates to a vacant seat on the Environmental Advisory Council to expire on December 31, 2020.** The motion passed unanimously. Ms. O’Doherty inquired if Mr. Ellis had attended any EAC meetings so far this year. It was noted that we are not sure how many times the EAC has met this year. It was requested that Mr. Ellis attend the next meeting of the EAC to assist them in organizing and determine what has been worked on with regards to a stormwater fee.

Mr. Ellis departed the meeting at this time.

Discussion/consideration for an IT carrier – **Mr. Sciandra made a motion, seconded by Ms. O’Doherty, to table a decision to the first meeting in August 2019.** The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/consideration regarding Ashley Frederick’s request to have a weekly “storm time” for children ages 0-5 at John A. Gibney Park – Ms. Frederick requested permission to hold a weekly story time at John A. Gibney Park for children, their parents, grandparents, and/or caregivers. **Mr. Sciandra made a motion, seconded by Ms. O’Doherty, to approve Ms. Frederick’s request for a weekly, one-hour “story time” at the John A. Gibney Park conditioned that children are accompanied by a parent or caregiver with the understanding that children may not be unaccompanied.** The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/consideration to set financial update/review meeting – After discussion, the Board set Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 11:00 as a meeting time with the Township Manager for a financial review/update meeting.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

None

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Janis A. Rambo  
Township Secretary